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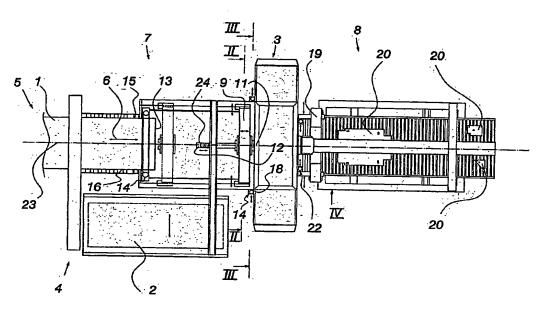
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(57) Abstract: A feed mechanism for feeding a material (1,2) to be processed into a working assembly (3) included in a sheet processing line, said feed mechanism comprising equipment (4,5) for handling both single sheets (2) and a strip (1) unloaded from a reel, and which equipment optionally provides a guidance either for the single sheets (2) or the strip (1) onto an entry track (6) to the working assembly (3). The feed mechanism comprises at least one web guide (14,22), a first feeder (9), a barrier (11) for determining the position for a leading edge (13) of the single sheet (2) or the strip (1), a feeding means (12) for bringing the leading edge (13) of the single sheet (2) or the strip (1) against said barrier (11), at least one arrest cylinder (18) for immobilizing the processed single sheet (2) or strip (1) relative to the entry track (6), a second feeder (19).

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